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Applicants:	DeNise et al.	Art Unit:	1637
Application No.:	10/750,185	Examiner:	M. E. Baughman
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Title:	COMPOSITIONS FOR INFERRING BOVINE TRAITS		

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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**RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 14, 2006 and prior to examination on the merits, reconsideration of the application in view of the following preliminary amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

Exhibits A-E are attached following the end of the paper.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on **November 14, 2006**, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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